



The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2010 the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures and designated UNESCO to play a leading role in the celebration of the Year. Due to the fact the Department of Intercultural Communications of Sokhumi State University has planned series of activities, which became part of the UNESCO common plan. Sokhumi State University is the only University throughout Georgia which participates in the program.

Among the activities planned by Sokhumi State University is an Hour of Ambassador, which envisages invitation and meeting of ambassadors of different states with the students and staff-members of the University. The main objective of meetings with ambassadors is presenting their cultures and establishing contacts.

Within the framework of the activities above, on May 19, 2010 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Azerbaijan in Georgia, Professor Namik Aliev visited Sokhumi State University and met with the Rector of the University, Professor Joni Apakidze, academic personnel and the students.

Ambassador of Azerbaijan talked about the relations between Georgia and Azerbaijan and prospects of development of economical and cultural ties in future. Documentary film about Azerbaijan has been presented; comments to the film were made by the Ambassador personally.

Professors Zurab Papasqiri, Olga Petriashvili, Director of Spiritual and Cultural Center of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia Svetlana Ketsba and others greeted the guest.

Finally Ambassador Namik Aliev answered the questions of the audience. The Head of the Department of the Intercultural Communications of the Sokhumi State University, Professor Indira Dzagania, who was conducting the meeting, thanked the guests and wished them success in future activities.